

City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
October 16, 2006

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commissioner Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: R. Shaw, V. Mathur, A. Alcorn, N. Gupta, I Munir,

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

City Council: A. Gomez

Members Absent: P. Peterson, W. Lam, D. Gupta, S. Bilgrami, S. Bansal

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Staff reported the mayor and city council would appoint Telecom Commissioners R. Shaw to Alternate 1 and S. Bilgrami to regular commission standing at their October 17 meeting. They will also appoint Hai Tran to the Alternate 2 position as well. Chair Alcorn added the Commissioner D. Gupta would be absent for the duration of 2006 due to his work schedule. He also added the he and PEG working group attended the recent City Council meeting on October 3rd.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Agenda approved as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 5

**V. Approval of the Minutes
September 18, 2006**

Minutes approved as submitted.

M/S V. Mathur / N. Gupta Ayes: 5

VI. Citizen's Forum

No public comments were made for the record.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Telecom Attendance Discussion.

Staff reiterated the Commission's request to review the proposed draft amendment to the bylaws.

Staff drafted that following language for discussion as a possible consideration addition to the Telecom Commission Bylaws.

Section 12. Attendance. A total of "three consecutive" or "six total" unexcused attendances in a calendar year may warrant a formal notification and review of participation on the Commission.

Chair requested further discussion on the matter from the members. He also added that continued participation from the school district representative. Staff suggested that a formal request to the Mayor to discuss the item. Commissioner Mathur also requested that the commission be given an attendance report at each meeting to track the member's participation.

Staff also suggested that during City-School district meeting that a review of the matter be also discussed.

Motion to approve the changes to the bylaws and have placed for final acceptance at the city council meeting of November 7, 2006.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 5

Motion to direct staff to contact and discuss MUSD representation on the telecom commission.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 5

2. 2007 Calendar Schedule.

Staff reported on the 2007-meeting calendar and requested input from the Commission whether there was specific meetings that may require cancellation.

Chair Alcorn noted he would prefer to stay with the scheduled meetings for 2007. Commissioners wanted the option to cancel a meeting as needed as part of the agenda discussion.

The commissioners recommended the cancellation of the December 18, 2006 meeting and staying with the approved meeting schedule for 2007.

Motion to cancel the December 18, 2006 meeting and approve the 2007 meeting schedule and review the meeting dates as needed.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 5

3. PEG Studio Update Report.

Chair Alcorn reiterated that it was a pleasure to attend the October 3rd City Council meeting. Commissioner Shaw noted that a video should be developed showing casing the studio and the work done to complete the studio per a request from the city council.

Mr. Marion added that project has been well received and anticipation is growing for studio users to create video programs for the cable channel.

Chair Alcorn noted with the introduction of the cable channel there would also be new demands by studio users to use and create content for the cable channel as well as video programs that will have non-English

viewers. Which will lead to the work of translating programs if time permits.

Motion to note receipt and file the report.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 5

4. September 2006 I.S. Month Report.

Mr. Marion provided a status report on the Earthlink wireless Internet network being deployed in the Milpitas community with a tentative rollout of the service in November.

A new online permitting system is nearing completion, an automated property tracking system is also being implemented for the police department and an upgrade to the computer aided dispatch system and police records system is underway.

Chair Alcorn asked of the status of GIS. Staff noted that GIS has taken over the project of cataloging and tracking the city's database for citywide addresses and has become a central database for tracking city addresses. Commissioner Mathur asked if it was cheaper to use a commercial GIS database. Mr. Marion added that details from the commercial GIS do not meet with the details of the city's database information. Staff is working on software add on that would work with Google-Earth in accessing GIS data.

Motion to note to receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 5

5. Roundtable Discussion.

Vice Chair N. Gupta as of the outreach of the Earthlink WiFi product. Staff noted that Earthlink has various ways to sign-up for the wireless Internet service and it plans a public relations campaign to invite consumer to its service.

Vice Chair N. Gupta noted that he was considering Vonage for telephone and Internet service and it associated lower cost of service. He was concerned with the process of signing up and maintaining telephone landline for lifeline E-911 service.

Commissioner Munir asked if the Earthlink service would have an impact on the Comcast cable services. Mr. Marion noted that there have been changes in state legislation that would effect how cable franchises are handle with cities. Currently, the new legislation is still being reviewed legally.

Vice Chair N. Gupta reiterated the need to have more qualified members on the commission. Chair Alcorn noted that it would be best that the commission draft a

letter of support to the Mayor requesting future qualified members be added to the commission at the first of the of next year.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned to the Commission's next meeting of Monday, November 20, 2006.

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